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Crimes Of Opportunity A Problem

Auto Thefts Plague Stockton and the Central Valley

By Andrew Mitchell
News Editor

For some criminals, it takes a couple minutes. For some of the more skillful, one minute is all it takes. Some have even been able to log in around 30 seconds.

That time is all it takes for a crook to obtain a new possession: a well-working vehicle.

Stockton, including University of the Pacific, ranked second in the country for auto thefts in 2004. Nearby Modesto has the unfortunate distinction of being first. Sacramento is fifth.

The valley's problem with car thefts has much to do with the prevalence of methamphetamine, according to Michael Belcher, the director of Public Safety. Thieves pawn the items they steal out of cars to purchase drugs.

Out of the 4,000 car thefts in Stockton last year, 585 of them had their keys in the ignition. Fifty-three auto burglaries occurred on Pacific's campus last year.

"These are crimes of opportunity," said Belcher. Criminals don't think ahead about burglarizing; they spot an opportunity on campus and take advantage of it.

"We average 20 arrests a month," Belcher said. "Ninety-five percent of the suspects are not associated with the university."

The latest incident happened at the Townhouse Apartments September 14. Two students reported that their vehicles

had been entered. The suspects broke the side windows. One person was missing books and identification. The other had stereo equipment taken. The thieves presumably climbed over the back fence by the levee or followed a resident driving in when the gate was open. A Public Safety flier went out warning residents of the potential danger.

"There's a sense of security, a sense of safety," said Belcher about the exposed valuables people leave in their cars. The Department of Public Safety recommends that drivers put their valuables in the trunk, remove stereo faceplates, and park in well-lit areas when leaving the car.

To record the incidents as they occur, Public Safety is required to publish their statistics on the internet. The publications resulted from the Jeanne Clery Act passed by Congress in 1990. Originally dubbed the "Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990," the law's purpose is to inform students, faculty, and parents of recent crimes on school campuses. The law's namesake, Jeanne Clery, was a freshman at Lehigh University when she was raped and murdered in her sleep.

The Department of Public Safety is dedicated to making Pacific "the toughest place to commit a crime," said Belcher. "These guys are so stupid that they'll do it again and again until they get caught."

Public Safety was granted police officer powers in 1983



Photographs by Andrew Mitchell

Public Safety reported two auto thefts at the Townhouse Apartments September 14. Officers recommend placing valuables out of sight of potential thieves.

Motor Vehicle Thefts				
School	2002	2003	2004	Population
University of the Pacific	9	17	12	3,457
Delta College	25	30	32	18,525
CSU Stanislaus	6	5	8	6,483
CSU Sacramento	34	40	44	23,028
Stanford	55	35	39	6,576

-University of the Pacific has seen a modest rise in auto thefts from 2002 to 2004. For 2004, the ratio of thefts was approximately one incident for every 288 students.

-Delta College, with nine times the population of Pacific, has over double the theft rate.

-Other California universities varied in their statistics.

making Pacific one of only two private universities in California with a full police force. Stanford University also has such a program.

Students on campus are urged to be alert and aware of their surroundings. Officer Belcher encourages people to contact Public Safety as soon as they know they've been robbed. Students can reach Public Safety at 946-2537.

The Central Valley is a prime spot for auto thefts. Modesto has the highest rate per capita in the country. Stockton is not far behind.



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Thursday
High 85, Low 53

Friday
High 84, Low 50

Saturday
High 82, Low 50

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UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC Department Of Public Safety Weekly Report

September 10- 16, 2006

Please report any suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety
 at 62537 (Non-Emergency) and 63911 (Emergency) .

09.10.06 Vandalism
Grace Covell Hall

Officers received a report that someone broke a window to the hall. Officers contacted the subject who claimed it was an accident. Report sent to judicial affairs.

09.10.06 Vandalism
McCaffery Center

Staff reports someone wrote graffiti on the walls of the men's restroom.

09.11.06 Loss Report
Public Safety

Subject reports that he lost his cell phone somewhere near Southwest Hall.

09.12.06 Disturbance
Grace Covell

Staff reports a subject discharging the fire extinguisher. Officers arrived and arrested the subject. He was later cited and released.

09.12.06 Casualty
Southwest Hall

Officers assisted a subject with a nose bleed. Officers transported the subject to the hospital for further treatment.

09.13.06 Casualty
Eiselen House

Officers assisted a subject who reported having problems breathing. Subject transported to the hospital.

09.14.06 University Reg
Sigma Chi

Members report someone had urinated on the front entrance to their home. Report filed.

09.14.06 University Reg
Anderson Hall

Officers found a male and female on the roof of Anderson Hall at 2:15 AM. They used a ladder to gain access. Both subjects were escorted off the roof and advised. Report filed.

09.14.06 Auto Burglaries
Townhouse Apts.
 (See The Front Page)

09.14.06 Arrests
Main Gym

Officers located two subjects who were going through the dumpsters. Both had been previously revoked from campus. They were cited for trespassing.

09.16.06 Traffic Stop
Pacific Ave

Officers stopped a vehicle for traffic violations. The driver took off running and jumped the fence of a residence. Stockton PD and Delta College PD assisted locating the subject. The driver was turned over to CHP for driving while intoxicated.

09.16.06 Arrest

Country Club & Pershing
 Sgt. Bernardino was refueling at the gas station at 4:15 AM when he observed three subjects grab beer from the store and run out without paying. All were detained by the officer and turned over to SPD.

09.16.06 Found Property
Public Safety

Subject reports finding a Social Security Card and turned it over to the dispatcher.

09.16.06 Found Property
Faye Spanos Center

Staff reports finding check book and wallet in the hall. Officers contacted the owner and made arrangements to have it returned.

09.16.06 Arrest
Baun Fitness

STRIPE unit observed a female going through the dumpster at 9:10 PM. Officers made contact with the subject. She was arrested when officers learned she had three outstanding warrants.



Photographs by Erin Birmingham

Prom Bowling Kicks Off Ambassador's Year

Erin Birmingham
Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday September 16th at 3pm, the Pacific Ambassadors gathered at Pacific Bowling Alley for their annual Prom Bowling recruitment event.

Students dressed in prom dresses and suits and donned their classic bowling shoes to match. The Ambassadors on campus

work as representatives of the administration to new students. They give campus tours, run orientation and host other on campus events where friendly faces are needed.

About 20 people were in attendance.

For more information about the Ambassadors or becoming visit <http://www.pacific.edu/studentlife/ambassador>

(Below) Nicole Ortega, Laura Muller and Kaitlin Johansen show off their dazzling dresses. (Left) Antonio Padilla, Sophie Zumou, Jeff Surface, Jana Staniford show their enthusiasm for Prom Bowling.



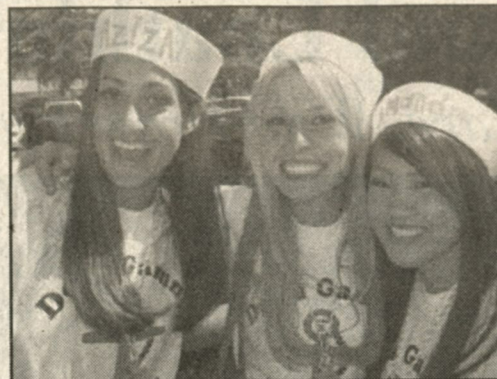
The Rush Is On

Abbey Golden
Staff Writer

Balloons, glitter, girls cheering, and limos. No, this isn't a Justin Timberlake concert. It's Fall Bid Day! On Saturday September 16th, the four social sororities proudly celebrated a successful fall semester of recruitment.

Every fall each sorority works hard to bring fabulous women into their houses. The first week of school every sorority opened their houses and welcomed Pacific women to come and join them for a themed event. These events not only provided hundreds of women to get a good look at sorority life, but also provided the opportunity to meet a wide range of new friends.

The process for recruitment began on Friday, September



Photograph by Tina Brehmer

1st when sororities headed out to find and give their selected women the opportunity to join their organizations. In order to participate in fall recruitment, Pacific women had to have second semester freshman standing or higher and a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.5. However, even with those qualifications, women were encouraged to attend events and sign up for formal recruitment for the spring.

Fall Bid Day brought all the sororities together to celebrate their hard work and congratulate each house on their successful new additions. Delta Gamma cheered for their new 7 members, along

with Alpha Phi's proud 7. Delta Delta Delta's 9 women walked on a red carpet, and Kappa Alpha Theta roared with pride for their new 9.

Each sorority spends the day celebrating for not only its members, but also Pacific's successful Greek life. When the day was over, each sorority pumped itself up for another fun fall and for the bright future for formal recruitment.

Activities Fair

Thursday, September 14 Pacific held its annual activity fair. The event, held on the WPC Lawn, gave new students the opportunity to learn about various clubs, Greek houses, and campus life. A live band provided entertainment while Bon Appetit served dinner.



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Fear and Loathing on a College Campus

Reverse Card, Wild Draw Four



By Mikey Vu
Lifestyles Editor

Do you ever get that feeling that you're getting old? Think about this for a moment, Disney's *The Lion King* came out twelve years ago. Does that seem strange to you? How about this, *The Little Mermaid* came out seventeen years ago.

In any case, while I was having this little revelation, I started to recall all of the toys and fads that were popular in the 90's, and I came to a conclusion that for the most part, you know what? They failed miserably in

the entertaining me department.

Adolescent boys experienced the resurgence of yo-yos, the rise of Pokemon cards, and the worst offender of them all, Pogs.

They were the worst because they were easily the biggest scam of all time. In case you aren't quite familiar with the concept of Pogs, they were those little cardboard circles with designs on them, usually a holographic skull of some sort, which each player would try to flip over by slamming a metal disc aptly named "Slammers," on top of them. Strange, yes I

know, but what really gets me is that we bought into something so stupid. Who plays a game where the only goal is to flip over a piece of cardboard?

Ladies, don't think that you were guilt free from those youthful toys of retardation. You ladies had the most pointless toys of all.

First, there were tamagotchis' and gigapets, annoying little handheld digital animals displayed on a screen that would incessantly beep if you didn't feed it. To make matters worse, they would continue to beep if you didn't clean up after it took a crap, which you had to otherwise your Tamagotchi would wallow in its own feces, die from unhappiness, and then come back to life again, hatched from an egg. Isn't that a great lesson for an impressionable eight year old? "Hey, don't worry if you don't feed your dog for four days, or if you come back home to find your malnourished pet dancing around making snow angels in its own fecal matter because hey! You can always bring them back to life *Pet Cemetery* style." Those little beeping, pooping

machines were the bane of my existence.

Let's also not forget about the wildly entertaining Beanie Babies. I remember a time when people were fighting tooth and nail to get their hands on the rarest beanie babies, often times blood was shed, hair was grabbed, and at some point I am pretty sure that guns were drawn. And this was all in aisle 6 at Toys-R-Us. I like the thought that someone out there at some point in time was sitting around thinking, "Hey, maybe if we fill these things with beans, girls will want to buy it." Because when I think of beans, of course the first thing that comes to mind is, "I WANT IT." It makes *total* sense.

Not all of those games and toys were that bad though, I don't know how many of you are going to remember the actual board game Crossfire, but it was the most kickin' rad game back in its time. The reason I remember this game so vividly is because of the commercial. To give you some context first, remember that this was during the 90's when everything that

was advertised had to be EXX-TREME, which basically boiled down to, "Imagine the most ridiculous thing in the world, add different letters to the beginning of words like during the whole Mortal Kombat phase, add a couple Xplosions(see what I did there?), and then make sure someone is shouting in the background.

So in the actual commercial, two boys enter an arena by teleporting there in lightning bolts (extreme!), and then the jingle that sounds like it's sung by the lead singer of Journey kicks in, "Crossfire... you'll get caught up in the... Crossfire!" Then, after one of the boys loses the game, the other gets ejected into Mount Vesuvius or something, all while Steve Perry is screaming, "Crossfire!" over and over again in the background.

There are of course amazing games with less interesting advertising such as UNO, but don't even get me started on that one. I'll save that one for another time.

Scoot and Big Tone's Restaurant Review

Mi Ranchito



Do you like Mexican food but are tired of eating at Chipotle? Try one of Stockton's

oldest Mexican restaurants, Mi Ranchito. Tony, being full blooded Mexican, has been looking in Stockton for a Mexi-

can restaurant that makes authentic Mexican food just like his grandma makes.

I had a steak quesadilla and a cheese enchilada combo plate with rice and beans. Tony had an all beef combo plate with a burrito, a taco and an enchilada. Mi Ranchito is not one of those typical Mexican restaurants that serve you food that is pre-made but they take the time to make their delicious Mexican food the Mexican way. With side dishes of rice and beans that top off the authentic Mexican dish.

You know Mi Ranchito is such a legit, authentic Mexican restaurant when ladies who don't speak English try to sell

you flowers while you are eating and the menu is in Spanish and in parentheses is the English translation.

Mi Ranchito is located in the heart of Stockton. Take Pacific Ave. south and make a left turn on Harding Ave. going east. Go two blocks and make a right hand turn on Center Street. Take Center St. down and Mi Ranchito is located on the right hand side one block past the freeway on the corner of Center St. and Church St.

Look for the side of the building that says Mi Ranchito, Tony and I thoroughly enjoyed our Mi Ranchito experience and the delicious Mexican food. We give Mi Ranchito 9 finger licks

out of 10 and recommend Mi Ranchito to anyone. So, if you are tired of a burrito in a bowl, try Mi Ranchito for some real Mexican food.

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One Man's Trip up Half Dome

letter

Hello Everyone,
Michael (my roommate),
on (my friend) and I all
drove up to Yosemite this
weekend to hike half dome.
We left Stockton at 8:30 PM
and got up to the base of the
trail at about 1 AM. The hike
is 8.5 miles one-way and it
climbs over a miles eleva-
tion from base to top. Our
supplies for the hike up con-
sisted of flashlights, 3 liters
of water, a few energy bars
and lot's of extra clothes for
the chilly temperatures at
the top. The temperature in
the valley of Yosemite was
supposed to range from 20-
32 deg, so I thought shorts
and a t-shirt would be good
for the hike. The trail was
never flat for the first 3 miles
or the last 3 miles of the hike,
so warmth was not an issue
and I quickly drenched my
t-shirt in sweat. At around
4 AM I put on a sweatshirt,
but only really because my
arms were cold; I was still
sweating, but my arms had
gone almost numb.

We made it to the top at
around 5:30 AM. We didn't
quite make it to the very top
because one of our group
members was running on
little sleep before we set off
and it was catching up with
him at the top. He was on
the verge of passing out,
so I didn't think it was the
best time to be scaling steep

mountains, so we stopped
about 200 yards from the top.
We were able to get plenty of
pictures before, during and
after sunrise and sat around
when the sun came up on
the top. We left the top at 8:
30 AM for our return trip
and got to see everything
we had missed the night
before. There were plenty of
places that were completely
unfamiliar and others that
caught us off guard. We had
passed a very large and im-
pressive waterfall the night
before and thought they
were just big rapids claim-
ing to be a waterfall. There
were also plenty of glacier
carved valleys on the hike
that were pretty impressive.
We got down around 1 PM
and drove back to Stockton.
I had to relieve myself of
driving and let one of my
napping friends take over
after the 17 miles on no sleep.
When I got home I rested for
a while, took a shower, and
then fell asleep around 7 PM
and woke up at 8 AM this
morning. I am surprisingly
not too sore from the hike.
Really only my right knee
(which I tweaked at the top
and walked down in pain on)
and my left hip are sore.

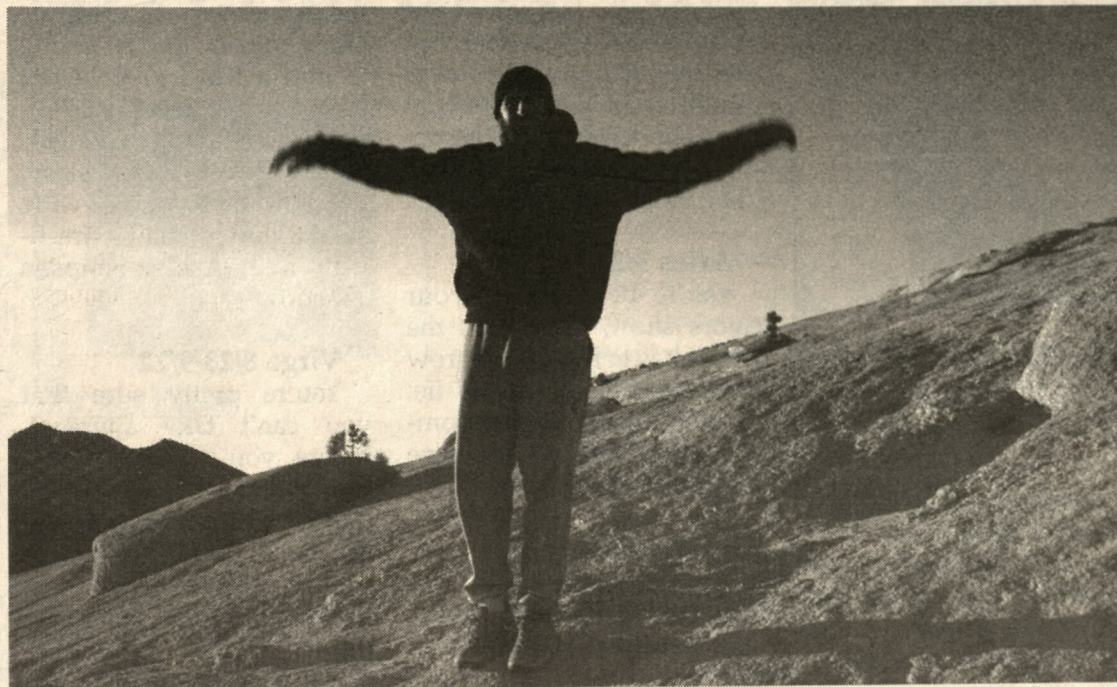
So, all in all it was a really
fun trip. Hopefully you all
enjoy the pictures.

Richmond

PS - The beard helped tre-
mendously at the top and I
don't want to hear anything
about how ugly my beard
is. Most of you are fam-

ily and have to love me no
matter what and the rest of
you aren't family, so I don't
really care. Okay, I do, so I'll
pretend you have to love me
as well.

PPS - The hiking shoes
were a donation from the
church of indie-dom, specifi-
cally from the rt. reverend.


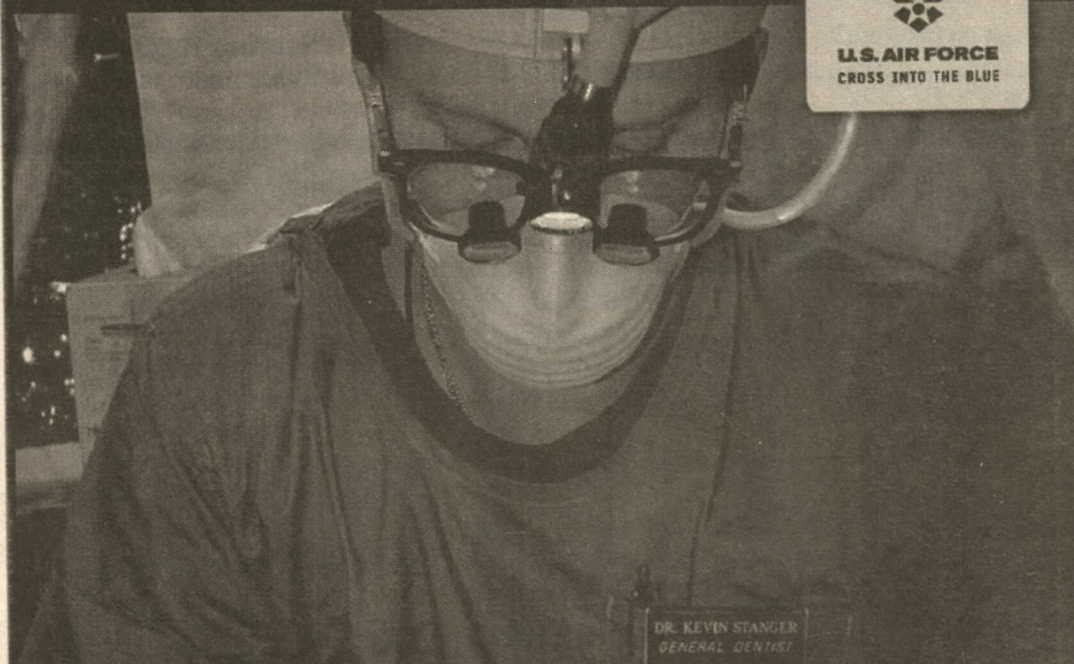


Richmond Hollen poses in the wind at Half Dome in Yosemite.

Photo by Richmond Hollen



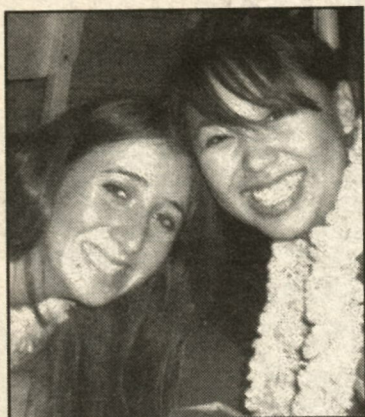
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Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You've been cheated by them since you don't know when. So you made up your mind, it must come to an end. Look at yourself now, will you ever learn? You don't know how, but you suddenly lose control. There's a fire within your soul. -ABBA "Mamma Mia"

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Pisces 2/19-3/20

You're mute and fawn just waiting to die like some kind of hopeless housewife but you can change while you're alive and let 'em all know at least you tried to kill the demons inside. -Bad Religion "The Hopeless Housewife"

Aries 3/21-4/19

You're better when your colors show, and that's the way it has to be. You'd throw it all away before you'd lie. So don't call with a compromise. -Avril Lavigne "Nobody's Fool"

Taurus 4/20-5/20

You've given all you can, it's not enough. You've given all you can but you're still on the payroll.

-Radiohead "Karma Police"

Gemini 5/21-6/2

Hey, come on try a little nothing is forever there's got to be something better than in the middle.

But you & Cinderella you put it all together you can drive it home with one headlight. The Wailflowers "One Headlight"

Cancer 6/22-7/22

You're all out of faith. This is how your feel. You're cold and your shamed lying naked on the floor. Illusion never changed into something real. You're wide awake and you can see the perfect sky is torn. They're a little late you're already torn. -Natalie Imbruglia "Torn"

Leo 7/23-8/22

You've been living in the shadow of someone else's dream. You're trying to find a hand to hold but every touch feels cold to you. You're living in a nightmare a never-ending sleep, but now that you're wide awake you're chains are finally free. -Ashlee Simpson "Shadow"

Virgo 8/23-9/22

You're pretty sure that you can't take anymore, before you take a swing. You wonder what you are fighting for, when you say out loud, I want to get out of this, you wonder, is there anything you're going to miss? - Third Eye Blind "How's it going to be?"

Libra 9/23-10/22

Is it getting better, or do you feel the same? Will it make it easier on you, now you got someone to blame? You say one love, one life, when it's one need in the night. One love, you get to share it leaves you baby if you don't care for it. -U2 "One"

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Remember when you held her hand? Remember when you were her man? Walk talk in the name of love before you break her heart. Think it over, think it over roll it over in your mind. -B-52s "Dance this Mess Around"

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

You'll be someone's dream. You'll be their wish, you'll be their fantasy. You'll be their hope, I'll be their love

Be everything that they need. Savage Garden "Truly Madly Deeply"

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

You think you're gonna take her away, with your money and your cocaine. Keep thinkin' that her mind gonna change, but know everything is okay. She's gonna listen to her heart. It's gonna tell her what to do. Tori Petty "Listen to Her Heart"



Correction: In last week's Horoscopes we mistakenly wrote that the author was Dan Cammarano. We apologize for this error.

Sudoku

To solve the puzzle, each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Easy

2		5		7			6
4			9	6		2	
				8		4	5
9	8			7	4		
5	7		8		2		6
			6	3			5
7	5			2			
	6			5	1		2
3			4			5	8

Answers to last weeks Sudoku:

4	3	5	6	1	9	2	7	8
2	8	1	4	3	7	6	5	9
7	6	9	8	5	2	3	4	1
5	4	6	7	9	8	1	2	3
3	7	2	1	4	6	8	9	5
1	9	8	5	2	3	7	6	4
9	1	7	3	6	5	4	8	2
6	2	3	9	8	4	5	1	7
8	5	4	2	7	1	9	3	6

A New Beginning For Freshmen



By: Nicole Van de Star * Silva

Columnist

As young children, we dreamed of one day attending high school, dancing at prom, receiving our high school diploma, and then beginning college. For all of us here, we have achieved every one of those, but for some of us, the college experience is just beginning. We will all experience it differently, but in some ways, we will experience it in the same way. The question is, "What is it like being a new college student?"

The transition between high school and college can be exciting, terrifying, difficult, and even confusing. What is it like transitioning from high school to college? "The transition from high school to college is a big step from the immaturity of high school to the reality of college. Here is where you start focusing on what you want to do in life and in high school you are still experimenting. Transitioning is the point where you narrow in on where you want your life to go (like a big funnel if you will)." (Sarah Quiroz).

Within the first three weeks of school, students have only had a taste of academic life on campus. They are still learning what is expected of them as well as learning time management. Socially, many school ac-

tivities such as Tiger Nights have taken place as well as many off campus parties. How have the first few weeks of college life been at Pacific? "They've been pretty laid back. Everyone is getting to know each other and all the people I have met have been pretty great. I have had a pretty nice transition. The first few weeks have been pretty cool and the homework has been light. So far it's great." (Priya Upadhyayula).

College, along with many other things in life, present challenges. Not all are academic, but emotional, mental, and some physical. What challenges are you starting to face, or do you think you will face in the near future? "At the beginning I was a little homesick, but it's gotten better. I think getting my work done will be a big challenge because it is a lot harder than high school." (Marissa Woo).

Most of the time before we begin a new chapter in our lives, we imagine what it would be like. Academically, is college what you expected it to be? "Academically, yes I think so. I expected it to be harder than high school and it really is." (Priya Upadhyayula). What about socially? "I really didn't know what to expect in college, but altogether I really like the impression it's left on me." (Sarah Quiroz).

In an academic setting, we all know that you will learn, that is the main point, but do you think that the social experience in college will help for the future? "I think it will because of all the challenges and I know it will help me with my career later." (Marissa Woo).

When you hear about the social aspect of college

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Why do Pacific Students feel the need to Party



by: Nick Hansen

Columnist

Take a look outside your building on any Friday or Saturday night (or for some, Thursday's too). You will see countless people walking around, going from one place to another. It's as though at 10PM, class is in session, but students aren't carrying backpacks full of books.

Pacific is a very ambitious University that prides themselves on academic success. As I have learned it, the administrators on this campus want the outside world to view Pacific as a somewhat clean slate school where students eat, sleep and study. Not eat, sleep, go to class and

party like it's the end of the world tomorrow.

A legend of this University who graduated this past spring once said, "... we pound handles, not fifths." Take this motto to any University around the country and you too can probably out drink anyone. I found this to be true at Chico State, rumored to be one of the greatest party schools in California.

Pacific students need to "blow off steam" every now and then said one graduate student. They need to find a way to release the pressures and stresses of class. Unlike at many other institutions around our great nation, Pacific loves to load you up with courses which happen to be held on Fridays.

Mark Schooley, a senior at San Diego State said that most students don't have class on Friday, and for the few that do, they don't go. That's hard to do when most major tests are on Fridays here at Pacific.

During my short-lived ca-

reer as a Computer Engineer I found my advisor filling my schedule up with 18 units each semester so that I could graduate on time. Engineering at Pacific is a five-year program. As soon as I switched to Communication, my peers were shocked when I was all gung-ho about taking 18 units a semester.

Lets face it, Pacific students are stressed, and what better 'legal way' to relax, besides smoking marijuana, than to poison our bodies with alcohol on the weekends and ready ourselves for another grueling week of academic work.

So why is this the case? Does it have anything to do with the fact that we are in Stockton? I heard a student say the other night, "there is nothing to do in Stockton but get drunk." This may be true, as Stockton doesn't really have much to offer if you don't have a car.

Walking to downtown Stockton may leave you in

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Picture of students partying at the University of Arizona

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Experiencing More Than Just Class

Arash Scott Benham

Sports Editor

Part of the college experience is going to see and enjoy non-mainstream bands whose lyrics are tattooed in our brain from constantly pressing the repeat buttons on our ipods and stereos. To be able to go to a very small hole in the

wall venue in which the artists sweat literally spews all over your face and the mosh pit keeps taking your attention away from the bands you adore is truly

priceless.

College gives us the chance to spend a Monday night with one of our favorite bands who most people have never heard off.

For one night the magic of singing at the top of

our lungs, bouncing and letting the body free flow with seizure moves, Bboys would be proud of is unexplainable. It would be catastrophic to not experience all the perks and excuses college gives us. Part of

greatest gifts one can give to themselves.

The Fat Cat had the pleasure of hosting The Expendables and Pepper. The same Expendables that ASUOP brought to our school and made one night at Pacific worth \$38,000 dollars. There were all forms of social groups from Pacific and other local colleges. These groups shared the joy of experience great music, life and togetherness. In the real world none of these students would have the opportunity to enjoy the company of each other but for one night we were all close friends.

The importance of the social aspect of college is to capture moments and thoroughly enjoy it. What

better way than a great show with a small time band with a big time sound. This is part of the college experience and something we all should strive to partake in more often.* Great live music is all around us; we just have to take the time from our busy days on the couch to find them.

this golden opportunity is taking advantage of being able to connect with a band that is not yet a household name. Seizing the moment and going to the venue is ultimately one of the



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Headliner Pepper rocked the show with their mixture of reggae, punk and dub sound.



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The Expendables are fastly becoming a cult classic among college students.

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from friends, family, teachers, etc. they tell you that the friendship you make in college with last a lifetime. Do you agree or disagree? "Your friends in college are the ones you're going to be doing homework with in the late morning hours, eating makeshift meals, cramming for tests, and hanging out in your dorms with. These are the moments you are real with each other, and being real is what makes true friends. Yes, I do believe that college grows everlasting friendships." (Sarah Quiroz).

For some of us the college experience is just beginning, but as you can tell by speaking to your friends, introducing yourself to new people, and even looking in the mirror. We are all great individuals and although college will be difficult, it will also be a wild adventure.

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the hospital with a gunshot wound to the chest. Main campus is a beautiful oasis in the middle of a concrete and asphalt world known as the armpit of California. As long as the sun is out campus is safe. Come nightfall, many students won't dare cross the Wood Memorial Bridge that connects north and main campus.

Students are over worked and stressed out on the many

things that get dropped in their lap during the day. I'm not going to lie, when I re-wrote this article I was very stressed out. The ESB original ale that was left in my fridge fixed that up right quick. Maybe I'm not like most students.

My peers

are studiously cramming their brain full of information on Organic Chemistry, but I am sure I will see them out "on the town" on Friday night because they need that relaxation which partying provides for them.

On my last, non-RA-interrupted night of drinking away brain cells I found myself very relaxed. The papers I have due in a few days were not even a thought in my head. The troubles in Iraq and our Monkey president in office didn't leave any sense of worry in my heart. Alcohol, a very body numbing poison relaxes your person, go ask anyone at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

So what does all this mean? Pacific students are over worked, students who hold jobs outside of campus while still taking a full course load crave partying and relaxation. Students with just enough units to be considered a full-time student can usually be found in their rooms practicing their Beirut (beer pong) skills or working on their World of Warcraft character.

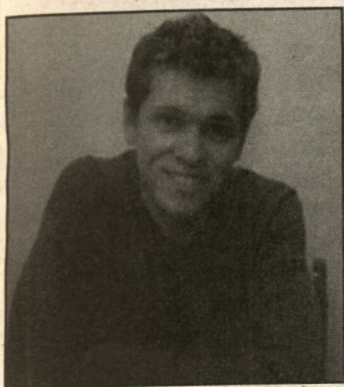
Everyone needs to relax every now and then, to clear their mind and what better way to do it at Pacific but to grab a brew with your friends and reflect on times past and the future ahead. But for many, living in the present is the way to go, so head on over to Valley Brew and order a pitcher of your favorite beer.

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Not Another NAM



By Benjamin Dunphy
Columnist

The world's greatest moments of cooperation have occurred in a time of war to unite against a common enemy, from the United States and the Soviet Union against the Nazis to the twenty nations that liberated Kuwait from Iraq. It seems as though the tables have turned, and the once third world countries in a bi-polar world are gaining power and influence, finding a common enemy in the United States and Israel.

The Non-Aligned Movement, or NAM, once thought of as a defunct Cold War relic, has recently strewn harsh criticism of the United States at a conference in Havana on September 16.

The NAM was created in 1961 as an alternative to the bi-polar superpower alliances of the Cold War. There are now 118 member states that make up nearly two thirds of the United Nations and 55 percent of the world's population.

What makes today's group particularly different from that of the Cold War era is that a few of its member states are particularly hostile to the United States and are pursuing, or already possess, nuclear weapons.

In the opening statement to the group, of which the likes of Venezuela, Syria, Iran, and North Korea are members, Cuba's foreign minister said that its strength in numbers is more necessary today than ever in order to denounce "hegemonic imperialism." They were apparently referring to the United States.

In one of its most stark documents adopted at the conference, the NAM backed Iran and North Korea's right to nuclear pursuits, despite North Korea's recent testing of ballistic missiles in July. Iran has surpassed the deadline to halt its uranium enrichment program despite threats of sanctions by the United States and other countries, and North Korea said it will not return to the negotiating table with the US despite growing sanctions. The NAM offered cold comfort in urging Iran to cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, who has said that President Bush is worse than Hitler, has been tightening his relationship with many countries not very partial to the United States. In a recent visit to Syria, Mr. Chavez said of his host that "We have the same political vision and we will resist together the American imperialist aggression." He plans to build an oil refinery in the country along with the support of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran.

Mr. Chavez has been strengthening ties with the oil rich Persian and Arab nations surrounding the Middle East, such as Iran and Syria, building what they hope to be a "multi-polar world" no longer dominated by the United States.

These events have many implications for the United States. Firstly, many of these nations are hardly democratic, if not authoritarian. The democratic peace theory suggests that democracies do not fight each other, and many authoritarian states such as North Korea would be fools to face the United States alone. In what seems to be memoirs of the Cold War, other countries, such as Syria and Iran, have resorted to supporting proxy fronts in a fight against the United States or its allies, such as Syrian and Iranian support for Hezbollah in the recent war between Israel and Lebanon. Yet the recent call of the Non-Aligned Nations to ally

together to fight "American imperialist aggression" is an entirely new, bold, and realistic position.

This call to arms is exacerbated by Iran's uranium



Chavez and Ahmadinejad have become allies.
Courtesy: Al Jazeera

enrichment process under a leader who has called for the destruction of Israel. US policy since 1979 has diplomatically cut off Iran, but recent attempts at a solution to its enrichment program suggest that the US is willing to talk with the Iranians. These talks have yet to crawl out of the shadows of mistrust that the US feels towards Iran.

Secondly, the United States and the members of OPEC share an alliance built upon black gold, but each and every one of these countries are also part of the NAM. This has serious implications for our economy, security, and lifestyle. A doctrine of suppression against America by

these nations jeopardizes the lifeline that keeps America's heart beating. An alignment as such would contest the Carter Doctrine, which states that "An attempt by any outside force to gain control of

the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the United States of America, and such an assault will be repelled by any means necessary, including military force." A new alliance against the US would be seen as an outside force post fiat.

Thirdly, a return to power politics through indiscriminate alliances demotes the notion that a clash of civilizations is on the verge. Shi'a Iranians and Sunni Syrians both supported Shi'a Hezbollah in the recent war with Israel. The alliances that Mr. Chavez is building with regimes hostile to the United States are in direct retaliation

to the United States. North Korea criticized America for being imperialistic and concurred with the general anti-US sentiment of the NAM conference. These civilizations are unifying against a common enemy, the US; and a common ideology, imperialism.

If direct military conflict with these regimes does not ensue, they will continue to support, fund, and arm proxy fronts to fight their conflicts for them. The acquisition of nuclear weapons by this new alliance will only exacerbate the problem, with ramifications that would be disastrous to world security. The world's hegemonic security provided by the United States would be in serious jeopardy.

In conclusion, the United States faces many more threats than terrorism alone, just as it faced many more threats than communism alone during the Cold War. Yet during that war, our attention was so entrenched in defeating communism that we even supported Islamic extremists to fend off its influence. Today we face a similar threat in terrorism, and although we have learned from the all-engulfing policies against communism in the Cold War, we cannot let our guard down to any threat that promulgates its hatred of our country.

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The Night of Could Haves

Arash Scott Behnam
Sports Editor

For one mere night Pacific had its opportunity to mimic its best Ohio State impersonation, but as easily as the dream was born it dwindled to: "could have been, should have been, and almost was." There is a cliché that compares the difference between 'coming

close' and winning, to the difference between horse-shoes and hand grenades. Pacific fans were forced to double-fist the second analogy of emotions on a bitter chilly Thursday night. It is not often that the Pacific community could celebrate success this early in the year, but Thursday the 14th is one night that will pulsate like a

cold dagger brought forth by Brutus in Caesar's back.

The Tiger soccer team was turning heads nationally, and their match-up with BYU had a number of important attributes to go with records. There was the unbeaten streak, as the Tigers had not encountered a loss this season. There was a streak within a streak: the

Tigers had not given up a single goal all year, and for 85 minutes, BYU had a front-row seat in understanding the Tiger D's love affair with goose eggs. The defense led by goalie Jaime Souza and defender Kelsey Nagel had flabbergasted the Cougar offensive all night, and the Pacific counter attack added to the frustrations of Joseph Smith's girls.

BYU came into the game nationally ranked, but throughout the game it was difficult to pick out which team was ranked. The Tigers at times dominated the second half with their quick counter attack and midfield work. No one on the field could contain the speed of Mandi Van Dorn, or the hustle of Jennifer Smiley whose nose for the ball helped her to be at the right place at the right time to start the counter attack. Bunny Dickson's valiant effort, practically breaking ankles with her razzle-dazzle footwork and pinpoint accuracy, helped the Tigers outshoot the Cougars 14-11. The Tiger strikers had their chances, but the BYU defense relied heavily on its speed, closing in and disturbing any real chance Pacific had.

Still, the Tigers had most of the control all night, and the game was looking to end in a tie. Tiger fans as well as students came out and their ruckus was surely appreciated, most notably by the refs (and a few of their horrific calls). It was a good scene and a few opportunities in the second half by the Tiger offensive gave hope for rushing the field and carrying out the goal posts.

In mere seconds, with a cough and a sneeze, the lungs sunk into the heart and the heart into the stomach. With only five minutes left in the tie, a surreal cloud rained its painful tears—Joseph Smith must have had a huge smile on his face. A breakdown, a great pass, and a brilliant finish gave the Tigers the worse case scenario. It was a game

the Tigers should have and could have won. Pacific showed heart, guts, and pushed back when shoved by the sinful Cougars. Not to take anything away from BYU, as their ranking is much deserved, but Pacific was the better team. Too bad the score was blind and could not make the same argument. With anger, rage, and sorrow boiling in the heart, it was off for another kind of warmth.

The gymnasium was the ideal place to take a timeout from the Delta breeze before the walk back to campus. The body turned from cold to shock, double-taking the scoreboard. Surely the scoreboard had to be wrong! Pacific was going for the sweep over 10th ranked Cal. Mesmerized by the scoreboard and a chance to see Pacific turn its season around, I took a seat. Bad idea: as I got comfortable in my orange chair, Cal went on a run and took the third set. I should have not sat down as the jinx was on. From the third set on, Pacific just crumbled. With each minute that passed, more and more of the Pacific community started filling the gym. The energy of the crowd, the hope of the 6th man, the clinging of seeing my beloved university pull off an upset kept me glued to the seat.

Hope turned to resentment. Pacific did not come close to the success of the first two sets. Cal stayed undefeated, and as for Pacific volleyball, to be so close and yet so far just added to a miserable opening of the season. One game away just win one out of three. 5 minutes away, just 5 minutes from keeping records. Man, how can this campus not have a bar after a night like the infamous night of Thursday the 14th. A night of "could haves and should haves," and no riots.

Pre-Season Power Rankings

Rec



Sports

Flag Football

- #1 Blazers- With the most team speed, last year's champs look to repeat
- #2 Kappa Psi- A championship is within reach with Metelak at the helm
- #3 Shake & Bake- With the apparent loss of P\$, a new leader must emerge
- #4 Not App. By Housing- The departure of key players from last year's squad will do Sigma Chi in

B League

- #1 MURFS- This Hawaiian clan is the team to beat
- #2 Pac X- Captain DeMagistris spent days putting together the pieces to make a run
- #3 El Guapo- Looks aren't the only thing going for this Pike bunch
- #4 Polo- The athleticism is there, but over physical play could be their demise
- #5 Hands Across Amer- The PT department looks to improve on its past failings
- #6 Phi Delta Theta- Phi Delt is its own worst enemy
- #7 The New "C" Team- Sigma Chi's B-squad could be a sleeper
- #8 Juice- Many questions surround this group from Grace
- #9 S DUB- Unproven freshmen will become even more homesick
- #10 Whoopees- This Pike team will become cheerleaders for their "brothers" come playoffs

C League

- #1 Bulldogs- Great team depth makes them the favorite
 - #2 Team Big Red- Team intangibles makes Big Red a contender
 - #3 Yayoers- The Yayoers look to restore pride in the Townhouses
 - #4 Y God Y- The team name leaves us wondering the same question
- Co Rec**
- #1 Murfs & Smurfs- Strong female players makes Murfs & Smurfs a

championship-caliber squad

- #2 Rec Staff- Team Savviness makes Rec Staff a virtual shoe-in for the Championship
- #3 Guess Who's Back- With a few breaks and luck bounces, GWB could contend for the title
- #4 Pham Bam- Team camaraderie should help Pham Bam claim the final playoff spot
- #5 Border Patrol- Team may be patrolling the spectator section come playoffs

Womens

- #1 Fockers- Barring any unforeseen injuries, the dynasty should stay intact
- #2 Hardcore- Team intensity strikes fear in opponents
- #3 Las Senioritas Enfuego- No extinguisher needed

SAND VOLLEYBALL

- #1 Sand Munchers- Sigma Chi will show its superiority in the sand
- #2 The Big Green- The Big Green vs. Sand Munchers has "epic" written all over it
- #3 Pike- Indoor season will be here before you know it
- #4 We're Probably- Hopefully, this Sigma Chi team emphasizes fun over winning

Co Rec

- #1 J and Co- One word: SCARY!
- #2 The Crew- Must take game to a whole new level
- #3 Rec Staff- The addition of 2 DGs may prevent a winless season

Womens

- #1 Delta Gamma- Hands down DG should go home with the shirts
- #2 Theta- Team lacks cohesiveness and a killer instinct
- #3 Tri-Delta At least you're getting some fresh Stockton air

SOFTBALL

- #1 Poke eda Moke- The Hawaiians maintain dominance over their Greek counterparts
- #2 Team Softballs- The "Bash Brothers" from Sigma Chi have championship aspirations
- #3 Finaglers- Pike must make roster improvements to avoid playing second fiddle to Sigma Chi

B League

- #1 Not App. By Housing- Sigma Chi is poised to defend its title
- #2 Team Big Red- A bona-fide threat in all facets of the game
- #3 Bulldogs- Omega Phi has a stacked lineup which will keep them in contention
- #4 Go Team- Lucky for Go team, Mighty Moobs are in their division
- #5 Mighty Moobs- This Pike team is searching for that elusive first-ever win in franchise history

Co Rec

- #1 Nimrods- Anything short of a title is a disappointment for Manager Griffin's stacked lineup
- #2 Hawaii- Expect Hawaii to continue their dominance in RecSports
- #3 Rec Staff- Team comes in with a swagger and a chip on its shoulder- dangerous combo
- #4 Ronnie James Dio- The Athletic Trainers help make this the toughest Co-Rec division in years
- #5 Swinging 4 Backstop- Swinging for one win

Womens

- #1 Fockers- So long as they can fill the roster, the Fockers will reign supreme
- #2 Delta Gamma- The feisty girls from DG have something to prove if they ever show up
- #3 Theta- This forfeit-riddled team will have to play the role of spoiler

NFL Week 3 Predictions

By Adam Nofflett
NFL GURU

Jacksonville Jaguars at Indianapolis Colts

This is going to be a competitive battle between two of the top teams in the AFC. The Colts look like they have not lost a step after losing star running back Edgerrin James from last year, and are the early favorites to win this year's Super Bowl. The Jaguars have a young and improved receiving core that will be catching the pigskin from starting quarterback Byron Leftwich who is in his fourth year. So far this season, Leftwich has taken a lot of criticism from the fans and a big game this weekend would keep most of the critics quiet. Unfortunately, the Jaguars defense is not strong enough in the secondary to handle the Colts offensive attack. Expect Manning to have another great fantasy game.

Colts 31 Jaguars 20

Chicago Bears at Minnesota Vikings

The Minnesota Vikings are coming off an impressive overtime Win against the Carolina Panthers, who many believe have a great chance of making it to the Super Bowl out of the NFC. Brad Johnson is the lowest paid starting quarterback in the league, but at 38, he is still proving that he can lead an offense. The Bears are back with a great defense and have only given up 7 points so far this season. This looks to be a low scoring game and do not be surprised if it comes down to a last second field goal to win it for either team.

Bears 13 Vikings 10

Philadelphia Eagles at San Francisco 49ers

49er fans have been pleasantly surprised with the improvement of second year quarterback Alex Smith.

After throwing just one touchdown all of last year, he has started this season with two touchdowns and zero interceptions. The offense, led by Smith, also features running back Frank Gore, and wide receiver Antonio Bryant, who tore up the St. Louis defense last week. The Eagles are coming off a disappointing loss against the Giants. They blew a 17 point lead in the fourth quarter and eventually lost in overtime. This will be Alex Smith and the Niners biggest test of the season so far, and while they have looked good the first two games, the Eagles are going to come in trying to avenge last week's embarrassment.

Eagles 28 49ers 13

Carolina Panthers at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Before the season started, Sports Illustrated, as well as many other notable sports writers, picked the Carolina Panthers to win the Super Bowl. So far they have not met expectations as they have started the season 0-2. This has to do with the fact that Pro Bowl wide receiver Steve Smith has missed both games due to injury. Tampa Bay is winless as well this year, and has failed to score a touchdown in two games. Chris Simms is really struggling and playing against the strong Carolina defense will not help his cause.

Panthers 21 Buccaneers 7

New York Giants at Seattle Seahawks

The Seattle Seahawks look like they are ready to head back to the Super Bowl this year. Even though star running back Shaun Alexander has started off slow, the Seahawks are getting contributions from other key role players. This will also be the first game for wide receiver Deion Branch, who was acquired from the New England Patriots. The Giants

are coming off that spectacular comeback victory against the Eagles. Eli Manning and Plaxico Burress are giving secondary around the league headaches, but this Seattle defense has the right players to counterattack the Giants offense.

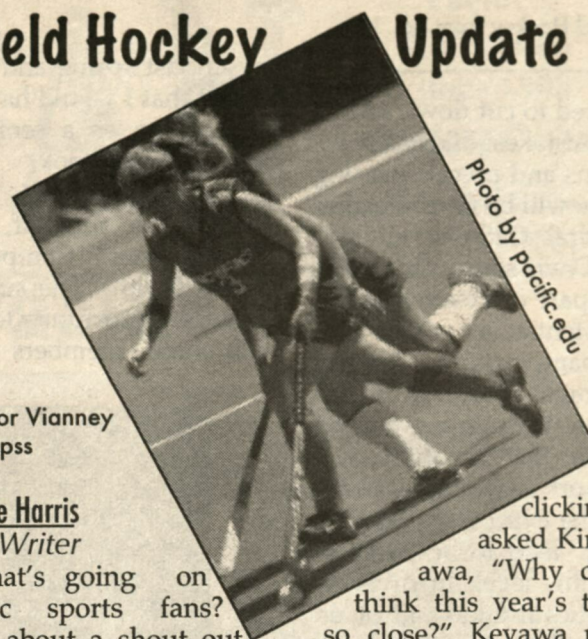
Seahawks 20 Giants 14

Cincinnati Bengals at Pittsburgh Steelers

This is a match-up no true football fan should miss. Last year the Cincinnati Bengal's won the AFC North while the Steelers took the wild card. The Bengals looked to be on the verge of making it deep in the playoffs before an injury to Carson Palmer left the Bengals watching the Steelers eventually win the Super Bowl. Palmer is healthy, and looks just as good as he did before the injury. The Steelers are coming off a Monday Night showdown with Jacksonville and are out to prove they have not lost any ground since the Super Bowl. This should be a great battle between two teams who will not settle for anything less than the Super Bowl. In the end, Chad Johnson will be dancing in the end zone, as the Bengals will take this one on the road.

Bengals 17 Steelers 14

Field Hockey Update



Senior Vianney Campss

Tyrelle Harris
Staff Writer

What's going on Pacific sports fans? How about a shout out to the women's field hockey team. This fall, these ladies have been strapping on their spikes and going to battle with top ranked opponents in the nation. Your Pacific field hockey team is currently 5-4.

The Freshman that I talked to this year were Bri Cummins, Kim Keyawa, Lisa Muhl (who won rookie of the week honors this season) Kristen Bardeen, Audrey Brand, and Mary Davis. This year Pacific best game came against Saint Louis. Pacific allowed no shots on goal the entire game. This has never happened in school history. I asked Bri Cummins, "how did that make you feel considering you play defense" Cummins said, "It felt really good, its good to know that your work hard and can completely dominate your opponent." It seems to me that this year's team is really

clicking. I asked Kim Keyawa, "Why do you think this year's team is so close?" Keyawa replied, "It's because we have such a good time on and off the field." "We are a family; we have each other's back no matter what happens."

This week the women's field hockey team has a big game against Stanford. Stanford is also in the Nor Pac Conference, so coming out on top will be big for the Tigers. Lisa Muhl is a Freshman defender this year and she says, "We would like to shut out Stanford, give up no corners, but all in all just come out with a win, and play awesome." I wanted to get a closer look to see how a freshman would view a big game against a ranked opponent. Kristen Bardeen's response was, "We don't really care that they are ranked, we just focus on what we need to do to come out on top. We

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Women's Volleyball Update

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006:

The Pacific women's volleyball team let a two-game advantage slip away in a 3-2 loss to No. 10 California at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

The loss dropped the Tigers to 1-9 on the season, while California moved to 10-0 overall.

Game scores for the match were: 24-30, 21-30, 30-18, 30-22, 15-4.

Friday, Sept. 15, 2006:

Pacific women's volleyball team opened Asics Invitational action with a four-game victory over Yale on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

With the win, Pacific moved to 2-9 on the season, while Yale dropped to 3-2 overall.

Game scores for the match were: 30-27, 30-20, 30-32, 30-24.

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006:

The Pacific women's volleyball team suffered a narrow five-game loss to the University of Montreal in the championship match of the Asics Invitational at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Game scores for the match were: 31-29, 19-30, 30-27, 29-31, 15-17

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just need to cut down on the little mistakes like pass receptions and precise passing and we will be fine." Former Cathedral Catholic all star Mary Davis states, "It's great to be apart of a team that has the potential to win a Nor Pac championship. Coming from high school to a top division 1 program helped me learn that devotion and hard work is necessary, and it takes the extra work on and off the field to be successful at this level. In division 1 athletics it takes all of us girls pulling for the same thing, and that is a Nor Pack championship." Davis says, "Bonding off the field causes us to play good on the field, and I'm happy that I can play for a program with such cool coaches, and great players. We are each others family away from home."

Freshman sensation Katy McDonough received Nor Pac rookie of the week honors for two consecutive weeks, while Freshman phenomena Lisa Muhl received rookie of the week honors last week. McDonough says, "it felt really good, but it was more of a team award because if I was not playing with such good athletes then there is a chance that I may have not won the award. Im not to worry about the award, Im still working hard everyday like the award never took place".

This year leading the way is senior captain Vianney Campos. This year Vianney is said to be one of the top women's field hockey players in the nation. Campos is leading the country in goals scored with 15 and total points with 32. This is the first time in school history that a field hockey player received these honors. Campos was named Nor Pac player of the week, and she is averaging 3.5 points per game, and 1.7 goals per game. I got a chance to ask Campos, "What did it feel like to be looked upon as one of the top field hockey players in the nation?" Campos replied, "It's kind of weird because last season and previous seasons I would look up the rankings for goals, and I always wanted to be there. I made a commitment to

myself last spring and I told myself that I would have my best season as a senior no matter what it took.

I asked Campos, "what do you see yourself doing after this year?" Campos responded with, "This summer I had the opportunity to train with some members of the

national team, and participate in national team camps and tournaments. So after this year I hope to become a national team player. Possibly going to the Olympics would be nice. I will probably get my masters here at Pacific, and I would like to give back to the field hockey

program because they have done so much for me. Our program has grown tremendously in these last couple of years, and it will continue to grow and I want to be apart of that. Besides there's nothing like being apart of Pacific athletics. "So far this season Pacific has beaten: American

University, U Mass, New Hampshire, Ball State, Saint Louis, and hope to beat Stanford to add to their win column. With the talented freshman core that has players like Vianney Campos to model themselves after, the Tiger field hockey future is as bright as ever.

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